

Parish Newsletter

19th April 2020

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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Sunday 19th April 2020

St. Cronan's Church
Brackenstown

www.brackenstown-parish.com

1:00pm Blessing of Image

Exposition of Blessed sacrament
And readings from the Diary of
St. Faustina

1:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

2:00pm Rosary

2:20pm Veneration of the Image

2:30pm Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Prayer followed by Solemn
Benediction

online @ www.brackenstown-parish.com



This is the mystery of Divine Mercy Sunday. Christ who gave his own life for the world, redeems us from our sins, and desires that every soul should come to know the depths of this love. His death and resurrection, including appearing to his disciples, is the means by which Christ has revealed the love of the Father.

Pope Francis recently said at a general audience, “Where does our mercy come from? Jesus told us: ‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful’ (Lk 6:36). The more one welcomes the Father’s love, the more we can love.” To pour forth mercy is to participate in the revelation of the Father’s love. This is what the rays of red and white on the image of the Merciful Jesus revealed to St. Faustina show. The love which pours forth from Christ’s heart is mercy! It is the love of the Father spilled out!

John Paul II, the great apostle of Divine Mercy, once wrote, “The truth, revealed in Christ, about God the ‘Father of mercies,’ enables us to ‘see’ Him as particularly close to man especially when man is suffering, when he is under threat at the very heart of his existence and dignity.” When there is suffering, Christ can bring calm. In those moments the power of the Gospel will be made known. Christ will rush in and flood weary hearts with his peace.

Today on Divine Mercy Sunday, we continue to rejoice in the course of our Easter celebrations. Mercy is not one aspect of the Gospel of Jesus; Mercy is its very centre.

(Written by Fr. Patrick Briscoe OP, Aleteia)

ALL WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE OFFERED FOR INTENTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN BOOKED

Mary Maples (1A)
Michael Joe & John Jennings (A)
Agnes Molloy (1A) & Sean Molloy (A)
Kathleen Savage (A)

PRAY FOR

Joseph Kelly (RD)
Peter Fuller (RD)
Grace Thalmide (RD)
Eamonn Snr & Eamonn Jnr
Madden (A)

10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK

Mon: Dcsd Members of Lawless & Mulvaney Families
Tues: James Pentony (A)
Wed: Vincent, Charlotte & Fintan Delamere (A)
Thur: Róisín O’Doherty (RD)
Fri: David Carroll (A)
Pray for: Muriel Harford (A)
Sat: Special Intention

Information note on Fingal's Community Response Forum

The Fingal Covid-19 Community Response Forum has been established for the past week to tackle the COVID-19 emergency and is being co-ordinated by Fingal County Council.

The Community Response Helpline, which is operated by Fingal County Council's Customer Care Unit seven days a week 8am to 8pm, has been set up so that the more vulnerable members of our Fingal community who may be cocooning at this time, can seek assistance and help during this crisis.

The role of the Forum is to ensure that there is a co-ordinated community response and to enable all voluntary statutory agencies to collaborate in support of our communities and particularly the most vulnerable members.

The dedicated helpline is to assist at risk members of the public in accessing non-emergency and non-medical supports and advice during the current public health emergency such as the collection and delivery of food, prescriptions and other medical supplies as well as the delivery of cooked meals. The Forum has also organised with ALONE so those who may have been isolated from other social contacts have someone who they can speak to.

We encourage people who need assistance in having groceries, prescriptions or hot meals delivered or those who are simply looking for someone to talk to during this crisis.

Fingal's COVID-19 Community Response Forum has requested that people who need help, know someone who needs help, or would like to offer help should get in touch by contacting the Community Line at: Telephone: 01-890-5000;

Freephone: 1-890-459-059

Email: covidsupport@fingal.ie

Further information is available regarding the Forum can be found at www.fingal.ie.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

If you are unable to connect with us via the webcam, Mass is available on EWTN (Sky Channel 588) & daily at 10:30am RTE-NEWSNOW, Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517) as well as via the RTÉ Player, the RTÉ News Now app and via RTÉ.ie/news.

The Parish Office remains closed, but you can contact us by email to book Masses or have someone prayed for etc.

Email: brackenstownparish@gmail.com

Fr. Paul can be contacted on 087 7404729 or

pauljthornton@gmail.com

Fr. Bibin can be contacted on 089 4238775

All our Masses and prayer times

will be broadcast on the webcam:

www.brackenstown-parish.com

VOLUNTEERS

We have a group of volunteers in the parish who are assisting parishioners who need an extra helping hand at this time. This could be with grocery shopping, pharmacy or similar tasks. If you would like some support, please contact Fr. Paul at 0877404029 or by private message on Facebook.

READINGS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47

PSALM: Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

2nd Reading: 1 Pt 1:3-9

Gospel: Jn 20:19-31

*Praying with
God's Word*

New Sanctuary Furniture

So far €22,473 has been donated to our fundraising appeal, this includes a donation to cover the cost of the Ambo from the Bible Study Group and a gift from the Marie Reparatrice Sisters to cover the cost of the Sanctuary Lamp. If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes at the display at the Main Door.

Easter Dues

Easter Dues Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be returned by placing in one of the White Boxes at the back of the Church.

Easter Dues can now also be donated using the Parish online payments facility. Simply go to the Parish website. www.brackenstown-parish.com and then click on the "Donate" button at the top of the page. Then select "Easter Dues Once Off Payment" and enter the amount of your donation. You will need to have both your credit card/debit card and your mobile phone to hand. Your mobile phone is needed because a confirmation pin number will be texted to it. Please also consider using the online payment facility to set up a regular contribution to the first and second collections. These collections are the primary sources of financial support for our priests and for Share. As you are aware we do not currently have the opportunity to support these collections in the traditional way, yet our priests and Share are still depending on your support. You may also use the online facility to support the Parish Family offering and/or make a donation towards the new church furniture. For more detailed instructions or further information regarding the purpose of different collections please refer to the Parish website. Click on "Our Parish" at the top of the page and then click on "Finances"

Thank you for your support, it is very much appreciated. Wishing you all a very happy & holy Easter.

Paddy O'Byrne, Parish Finance Committee

Catholic Papers & Magazines

Are available as usual in the new bookrack at the back of the Church. All other items can be obtained by contacting a member of Legion of Mary or emailing the Parish Office.

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